

What: Uptown Design Meeting #2 - Meeting Minutes

When: January 11th 2012, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: The Next 50 HQ @ Center House

Who: **Community** – a whopping **64** came!!! **Staff** – Eric, Nicole, Erin, Colin, Layne, Laura, Rich, Nate, Phi

Meeting Minutes:

Overview of 2008 Parks and Green Space Levy by Laura <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/levy.htm>

Garden updates by Phi

- **100+ folks now on garden's interest list.** Kudos everybody. Our goal is to have 150 folks on the list.
- **Definition of volunteering** and how folks can earn them
- **Facebook Page** online. Issues with searching for it. But link works though.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Uptown-P-Patch/145966158850019?sk=wall>
- **City's Uptown P-Patch webpage** <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/locations/86.htm>
- **Social Media & Arts Team Meeting** from 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Café Zingaro on 01/12/12.
- Instructions on how to send in accrued **Volunteer Hours** to Hafoc Y. Basically, she will send out reminders on the 15th of the month and folks are supposed to send their accrued hours back to her at the end of the month. Remember the more volunteer hours you have the higher your chances of being assigned a plot.
- Suggestion from a volunteer to name the P-Patch **"Space Queen"**.

3 alternative garden designs were presented by architects, Nicole and Eric. After the presentation, community met in small groups with a staff facilitator and discussed and provided feedback on designs, voted on garden elements they preferred, did not care for or needed more discussion. At the end, facilitators reported back to larger group.

- Overall 7 of 8 groups preferred design #1 and liked having the common gathering area in the center. Original proposal was for area to be grass only. Community offered different alternatives to grass such as cover crop, different ground cover plants, etc. One group preferred design #2.
- Different opinions on what materials will be use to build terraced beds corrugated metal vs. juniper wood.
- Flower car was met with ok reception. Creative and fun idea but concerns over high upkeep potential.
- Suggestions of using VW Van as an alternative to using an Air Stream for the tool shed, painting the concrete walking paths, changing design A main path way shape to ") (", keeping bee hives on west end of garden, trellis on design #3 placed in design #1, and more raised beds, children beds, food banks beds, demonstration beds. There were many more suggestions so I apologize for missing any...
- Depending on final design, there is a possibility of a hundred or so plots averaging 100 square feet each.

Next Steps:

1. Each volunteer recruits one more person whether it is family, friend, co-worker or stranger.
2. Call for a small group of volunteer to organize around Neighbor Appreciation Day. This is a small grant through the Dept. of Neighborhoods where community members can request up to \$1000 for a neighborhood activity, see flyer. This will be a great way to kick off the next phase, construction. I strongly encourage the group to take advantage of this. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in getting it started.
3. Call for volunteers to start thinking about how they can help prepare, organize and/or participate in a work party, which is expected to happen from Feb-April. This is the time for volunteers to reach out to people who have construction skills, tools, etc.
4. Friendly reminder that everybody ideas are valuable to the process. The architects do their best to incorporate the community's ideas, however, due to the garden constraints and limitations yours may not show up.